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Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. FROST, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LLOYD, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TUCKER, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. GORDON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STARK, Mr. THORNTON, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. PARKER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. WATT, and Mr. NADLER

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 6, 1993]

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To authorize appropriations for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically black colleges and universities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-*
5 *leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and*
6 *Preservation Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 *Congress finds that—*

9 *(1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and*
10 *universities have contributed significantly to the effort*
11 *to attain equal opportunity through postsecondary*
12 *education for African-American, low-income, and*
13 *educationally disadvantaged Americans;*

14 *(2) over our Nation’s history, States and the*
15 *Federal Government have discriminated in the alloca-*
16 *tion of land and financial resources to support these*
17 *institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the generous*
18 *support of private individuals and other charitable*
19 *organizations;*

20 *(3) the development of this source of private and*
21 *charitable financial support for historically black col-*
22 *leges and universities has resulted in structures and*
23 *buildings of historic importance and architecturally*
24 *unique design on the campuses of these institutions;*
25 *and*

1 (4) *many of these structures and buildings are*
2 *national treasures worthy of preservation and restora-*
3 *tion for future generations of all Americans as well*
4 *as for the students and faculty of these institutions.*

5 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**
6 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**
7 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

8 (a) *AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.*—From the
9 *amounts made available to carry out the National Historic*
10 *Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1995 through 1998, the*
11 *Secretary of the Interior shall make grants in accordance*
12 *with this section to eligible historically black colleges and*
13 *universities for the preservation and restoration of historic*
14 *buildings and structures on the campus of these institu-*
15 *tions.*

16 (b) *GRANT CONDITIONS.*—Grants made under sub-
17 *section (a) shall be subject to the condition that the grantee*
18 *covenants, for the period of time specified by the Secretary,*
19 *that—*

20 (1) *no alteration will be made in the property*
21 *with respect to which the grant is made without the*
22 *concurrence of the Secretary; and*

23 (2) *reasonable public access to the property with*
24 *respect to which the grant is made will be permitted*

1 *by the grantee for interpretive and educational pur-*
2 *poses.*

3 *(c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND*
4 *STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HIS-*
5 *TORIC PLACES.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2),*
6 *the Secretary may obligate funds made available under this*
7 *section for a grant with respect to a building or structure*
8 *listed on the National Register of Historic Places only if*
9 *the grantee agrees to match, from funds derived from non-*
10 *Federal sources, the amount of the grant with an amount*
11 *that is equal or greater than the grant.*

12 *(2) The Secretary may waive paragraph (1) with re-*
13 *spect to a grant if the Secretary determines from cir-*
14 *cumstances that an extreme emergency exists or that such*
15 *a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation*
16 *of historically significant resources.*

17 *(d) FUNDING PROVISIONS.—(1) Not more than*
18 *\$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and not more than*
19 *\$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, and*
20 *1998 may be made available under this section.*

21 *(2) Of the amounts made available under this section*
22 *for fiscal year 1995, \$5,000,000 shall be available only for*
23 *grants under subsection (a) to Fisk University.*

24 *(3) Of the amounts made available under this section*
25 *for fiscal year 1995, \$10,000,000 shall be available only for*

1 *grants under subsection (a) to those historically black col-*
2 *leges and universities identified for inclusion in the Depart-*
3 *ment of the Interior Historically Black College and Univer-*
4 *sity Historic Preservation Initiative.*

5 *(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate*
6 *such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.*

7 ***SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.***

8 *For the purposes of this Act:*

9 *(1) The term “historically black colleges and uni-*
10 *versities” has the same meaning given the term “part*
11 *B institution” by section 322 of the Higher Edu-*
12 *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).*

13 *(2) The term “historic building and structures”*
14 *means a building or structure listed on the National*
15 *Register of Historic Places or designated a National*
16 *Historic Landmark.*